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PRODUCTION OF TEXTILE GOODS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued a new Textile (Development and Regulation) Order, 2001 superseding the earlier Order of 1993, diluting the powers of the Textiles Commissioner to control production and supplies;

(b) if so, the details of the new order;

(c) to what extent this new order will help to improve the textile production in the country; and

(d) to what extent it will be different from the textile order of 1993 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The new Order has made the Government machinery more industry friendly and less obtrusive.

The salient features of the new Order are as follows:-

- presentation of the material has been simplified making for easier comprehension;
- procedures of filing of Information Memoranda on installation of machines in respect of spinning, knitting and powerloom sectors have been combined into one part;
- Provisions for requirement of submitting fees alongwith Information Memorandum have been deleted;
- Requirement of an acknowledgment to the Information Memoranda which lead to unnecessary work and repeated visits to the office of Textile Commissioner has been removed;
- Some powers of Textile Commissioner to issue directions have been retained so that he may discharge his responsibility in respect of hank yarn obligation order, reverse twist order, Olive green shade and marking on textiles. It has also been made clear that the Textile Commissioner can now insist on markings on the imported textile articles also.
- Keeping in view the inadequacy of regulatory machinery available with the Textile Commissioner, powers of the Textile Commissioner to control production and supply have been diluted by and large. With a view to protecting the industrial units from possible harassment by inspectors, it has been provided that powers of search and seizure would be exercised by an officer not below the rank of Assistant Director.

Though not directly effecting production of textiles, the new order, by providing a more friendly environment, should provide encouragement to textile manufacturers.